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STATUS OF PREPARATION OF PUBLICATIONS, STUDIES AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE

Report of the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 46/116, the General Assembly called for the updating and preparation of a number of major United Nations publications and the preparation of a reference guide to all United Nations studies and reports on human rights and related aspects.

2. A report on the progress of this work was presented by the Secretary-General to the Preparatory Committee at its second session (A/CONF.157/PC/21). The present document provides an update on the status of these publications.

3. The manuscript of the restructured and updated United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights is nearing completion as of the date of this report. The new version of the publication will present a more coherent description of progress achieved by the United Nations.

4. The collection of materials for the publications Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments and Human Rights: Status of International Instruments has been undertaken and is also nearing completion.

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The new version of the Compilation will also include the texts of human rights instruments adopted by regional intergovernmental organizations with institutionalized human rights mechanisms.

5. Also as requested by the General Assembly, work on the manuscript of the Reference Guide to United Nations studies and reports will be completed in the near future. It should be noted that the work on the human rights bibliography that has been undertaken by the United Nations Library at Geneva and the Centre for Human Rights is expected to be completed in time to assist in the preparations for the World Conference.